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No. 3147, dated Ootacamund, the 9th June 1902.

From—The Honourable Lieut.-Colonel Donald Robertson, C. S. I., Resident in Mysore.
To—H. S. Barnes, Esq., C. S. I., Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

I have the honour to report the arrangements which have been made for the retail sale of country beer in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore during the year 1902-1903.

2. As stated in paragraph 8 of my letter, No. 140, dated 12th January 1899, the system of selling by auction beer tavern licenses for retail sale was introduced into the Civil and Military Station in 1898-1899. Under that system the right to vend beer by retail in each shop was sold separately by auction, the successful bidder being required to pay, besides the amount of his bid, a registration fee of Rs. 180 for his shop and a license fee of Rs. 2 per hogshead on all beer sold by him in excess of 7½ hogsheads a month. This system continued to be in force during the following three years, and the financial results of its working are exhibited in the enclosed statement.

3. In 1898-1899 competition was very keen between rival bidders, and the sales therefore realized a sum of Rs. 1,34,250. In the following year there was less competition, owing partly to the losses incurred by the license holders in the previous year as a result of the unduly high prices paid for the taverns and partly to an understanding among them to avoid excessive bids, and as a consequence, the sale proceeds dropped to Rs. 65,550. In 1900-1901 competition was again keen, owing to the arrival on the scene of the proprietor of the Nilgiri Brewery, and the price realised at auction rose to Rs. 1,22,850. In the next year, on the other hand, as the result of a combination on the part of the local brewers and the Nilgiri brewers, the bids went down to an abnormally low figure, *viz*, Rs. 43,290. The bids were rejected as being inadequate, and, subsequently, an arrangement was made with the successful bidders under which the taverns were leased to them on condition of their paying Rs. 8 on every hogshead of beer delivered at their taverns plus Rs. 2 on every hogshead sold in each shop in excess of 7½ hogsheads a month. Under this arrangement, a sum of Rs. 65,208 was realized as vend rent.

4. It will thus be seen that the practice introduced in 1898-1899 of selling the right of retail vend of beer by auction has given much room for unhealthy and undesirable speculation in excise farms, and has introduced a considerable amount of uncertainty as to the revenue derivable from this source. Shortly before the commencement of the current financial year, I noticed signs of a larger combination among local brewers who now manufacture sound and wholesome beer under the supervision of the local Superintendent of Excise, and I gathered that the only competition that could be expected was that from the Nilgiri Brewers who, however, enter the field only for the purpose of forcing the local men to enter into some arrangement with them. With a view, therefore, to safeguard the revenue of Government and to discourage gambling in excise farms, I *called for tenders for the right to sell beer by retail in beer shops in the Station during 1902-1903, each tenderer being required to state the largest amount of duty per hogshead which he would be prepared to pay on all sales at the shops covered by his tender. On a consideration of the tenders received, I have accepted those at the rate of Rs. 12 per hogshead on all sales at the beer taverns in the Civil and Military Station. This arrangement is estimated to yield a revenue of Rs. 1,00,656 from beer shops and is, in my opinion, better calculated to secure a legitimate tax on consumption. I trust, therefore, that my action will meet with the approval of the Government of India.

*Vide Resident's Notification, No. 1132, dated the 1st March 1902. (Copy enclosed)

Statement showing the quantity of beer sold in the beer taverns in the Civil and Military Station during the years 1898—1899 to 1901—1902 and the revenue derived therefrom during the same period, including estimated receipt for 1902—1903.

Year.	Quantity sold.		Duty at one anna per gallon on issue from the brewery.			Sum realized in payment for the right of retail vend (in the first three years by sale by auction, in the last two by a duty on every hogshead sold.)			Fees on sales in excess of 7½ hogsheads a month.			Registration fee.			Wholesale license fee.			Total revenue derived from beer.			Remarks.
	Hgshds.	Gls.	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	
1898—1899 ...	9,422	...	29,052	12	0	1,34,250	0	0	13,153	0	0	5,400	0	0	200	0	0	1,82,055	12	0	
1899—1900 ...	10,133	...	30,827	4	0	65,550	0	0	15,766	0	0	4,500	0	0	200	0	0	1,16,843	4	0	
1900—1901 ...	6,719	21	23,101	11	0	1,22,850	0	0	8,899	10	8	4,500	0	0	200	0	0	1,59,551	5	8	
1901—1902 ...	8,151	...	29,416	7	0	65,208	0	0	12,016	5	4	4,500	0	0	200	0	0	1,11,340	12	4	
Estimate.																					
1902—1903 ...	8,388	...	32,492	4	0	1,00,656	0	0	...	...	...	...	...	..	200	0	0	1,33,348	4	0	

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THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Notification.

No. 1132, dated Bangalore, the 1st March 1902.

Retail Vend of Beer and Porter in the C. and M. Station of Bangalore.

Tenders are hereby invited for the right to hold a license in form 3 (copy enclosed,) prescribed by the Resident's Notification No. 1093, dated the 28th February 1902, for the sale of country beer and porter to be consumed on the premises, in the 25 shops in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore, noted in the appended schedule, during the official year 1902—1903.

2. The tender should state the largest amount of duty per hogshead which the tenderer is prepared to pay on all sales at the licensed shops. A tender may be for the right to hold all the shops specified, or for the right to hold a certain number of them, as the tenderer may desire.

3. The licenses will be subject to the conditions of Act XII of 1896, and the rules issued thereunder, also to such rules as may hereafter be issued.

4. The licenses will be issued free of charge, and the rate of duty will remain constant whatever the actual consumption of beer.

5. The rate at which beer and porter shall be sold retail shall be that hitherto in force, that is to say, 1 anna 6 pies per glass containing 7 Mysore drams.

6. Tenders which should be headed "tender for the right to sell beer and porter by retail in the Civil and Military Station for the year 1902-1903" will be opened by the Collector of the Civil and Military Station, in his office at Bangalore on the 15th day of March 1902, at 12 noon in the presence of the tenderers or such of them as may desire to be present, and will be forwarded on that day for the Resident's orders.

7. The Resident does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

8. Every tender must be accompanied by a security of Rs. 5,000 in cash or in Government currency or promissory notes. This security shall be liable to confiscation in the event of the tenderer failing to maintain throughout the year the shop or shops allotted to him.

9. Any person whose tender is accepted shall not be permitted to sell, transfer, or sublet the right he has acquired or any interest therein without the consent of the Collector, which for any adequate reason may be witheld, nor shall he appoint any person to act as his agent in the management of the shop without the Collector's previous approval.

10. Sales in the 25 Taverns at present licensed for the nine months ending on the 31st December 1901 are given in the subjoined schedule.

"By Order,"

C. L. S. RUSSELL,
First Assistant to the Resident.

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FORM 3.

(For the sale of country beer and porter to be consumed on the premises.)

I , Collector of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, under the provisions of the Excise Act, XII of 1896, hereby license you to sell country beer and porter by retail in the premises specified in the accompanying schedule from the 1st day of April 1902 to the 31st day of March 1903, subject to the following conditions and stipulations to be observed by you the said

1. The privilege conferred by this license extends only to the sale by retail of country beer and porter manufactured by the licensed brewers in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and the Nilgiris.

2. The beer and porter sold or kept in the shop shall be of the same quality and density as the brewer, from whom it is obtained, is by the conditions of his license bound to supply without dilution or adulteration of any kind. Beer or porter unfit for consumption shall be destroyed.

Schedule showing boundaries of shop.

Street and door number and name of house owner.	Bounded on the				Remarks.
	North by—	East by—	South by—	West by—	

GIVEN under my hand and seal this day of in the year 190 at Bangalore.

Collector, Civil and Military Station,

Bangalore.

This license is issued subject to the provisions of the Excise Laws for the time being in force in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore. Special attention is invited to the rules contained in the Resident's Notification No. 1093, dated the 28th February 1902. Copies of this Notification may be had on application at the office of the Collector of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

SCHEDULE.

Detailed List of present Beer Taverns in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Name of Circle.	Police Divisions.	Serial number of Shop.	Locality: No.	Locality: Street.	Consumption in taverns from 1st April to 31st December 1901 (9 months). Hogsheads.	Probable consumption for the year 1902—1903. Hogsheads.	Annual up-set price. Rs.	Place of sale.	Date of sale.	Officer by whom sale will be conducted.	Remarks.
Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.	B. Division.	1	114	Cavalry Road	146	195	1,560	Collector's Office, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.		Collector or any other Officer authorized by him.	
		2	212	Do.	261	348	2,784				
		3	10	Dharmarajah Street	435	580	4,640				
		4	181	Thimmiah Road	251	335	2,680				
		5	99	Do.	256	341	2,728				
		6	26	Do.	274	363	2,904				
		7	23	4th Division S. No. 10 Street	119	158	1,264				
		8	8	Nalla Street	364	492	3,936				
		9	7	Broadway Road	168	224	1,792				
		10	32	New Market Road	224	299	2,392				
		11	65	Chandy Chowk Road	237	316	2,528				
		12	12	Cemetery Road, Blackpully	246	328	2,624				
		13	240B.	Old Poor House Road	160	213	1,704				
		14	320	Do.	110	147	1,176				
		15	88	Narain Pillai Street	236	315	2,510				
		16	999	Tannery Road	124	165	1,320				
		17	233	Neelasundra	374	499	3,992				
		18	37	Yellagaudan Palyam, Linton Road	280	375	3,000				
		19	688	Arab Lines, Shoolay	299	398	3,184				
		20	25	L. No. 5 Street, Shoolay	189	252	2,016				
		21	45	Markham Road, Shoolay	215	287	2,296				
		22	9	Do.	329	438	3,504				
		23	59	Old Madras Road	218	291	2,328				
		24	8	E. Street, Knoxpet	350	467	3,736				
		25	3	F. Street, do.	116	155	1,240				
	C. Division.										

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From

The Assistant Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign Department,

To

The Hon'ble Lieutenant Colonel D.Robertson,C.S.I.,
Resident in Mysore.

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Dated Simla, the 8th July 1902.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.3147, dated the 9th June 1902, reporting the arrangements which have been made for the retail sale of country beer in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore during the year 1902-1903.

2. Your action is approved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Asstt:Secy:to the Government of India.